

## Village Calendar

Meetings may be cancelled or held virtually.

Office Closed	May 25th
Council Meeting	May 12th 7pm
Planning Board	May 19th 7pm
Communication Commission	May 4th 7pm
Parks and Recreation	May 26 <sup>th</sup> 6:30pm

The Villager Deadline May 15th  
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Waste Collection May 7, 14, 21, 29

## Community Calendar

HOA Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm  
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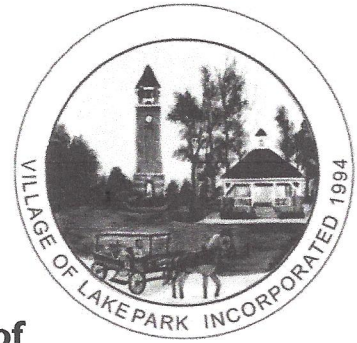
Garden Club May 18th 7:00pm  
Mack's Garden and Gardenias

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## May Council Update

- Pool opening to be determined.
- Approved Warren Jennings as a new Commissioner on the Planning Board.
- Scheduled a Budget planning meeting for May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Approved the closing of Meeting Street on Fridays through May 15<sup>th</sup> for Food Trucks.
- Handicapped parking spaces for events in Russell Park have been completed.
- Approved the replacement of doors on the chemical room at the swimming pool.
- There is still an open position on the Park and Recreation Commission. If you are interested, send Cheri an email stating your interest.

# The Villager



## The Official Municipal Newsletter of the Village of Lake Park

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### Update on COVID-19

The Village of Lake Park Council is very concerned about the residents of our town. The council is following the guidelines and directives from Governor Cooper and Union County officials. The following is an update of the current status.

- Parks remain open for walking and biking but social distancing is to be strictly observed.
- Playgrounds and the basketball court are closed.
- Governor Cooper's "Stay at Home" order is in effect until April 29<sup>th</sup> but can be revised or extended.
- Public Schools are closed until at least May 15<sup>th</sup>.
- VOLP is waiting on state and county directives to open playgrounds and pools.
- Tennis courts are open but please practice social distancing.

### Union County Government Soft Opening

On May 15<sup>th</sup> the Union County Government Center will be open to the public from 8 am to noon - Soft Opening. On May 26<sup>th</sup> the Government Center will open to the public - new normal. The goals for opening are:

1. Continue to minimize the exposure to Covid-19 through social distancing, employees wearing mask, visitors wearing mask and employees sanitizing their own workspaces.
2. Prepare to resume and maintain services/business.
3. Prepare to resume and maintain a safe work environment.

Union County is looking to open parks for passive recreation - no team sports - no swimming at Cane Creek - maintaining social distancing but providing public access in a safe way. Goal is to mitigate the health risk in the parks. The rental facilities such as the Agricultural Center and Picnic Shelters will not be rented out to the public until later this year.

### Update from the Sheriff's Office:

On January 29<sup>th</sup> Sheriff Eddie Cathey provided an update to municipal officials regarding crime and deputy coverage in Union County. National and NC state rates of violent crimes per 100,000 populations in 2018 are approximately 380. Union County is 63. National and NC state rates of property crimes per 100,000 populations are 2200 and 2294, respectively. Union County is 714. Drug related arrests have dropped in Union County from 749 in 2018 to 607 in 2019. The average response time for the Union County Sheriff's Office is 11 minutes.

A Community Crime Map is available at [www.unioncountysheriffsoffice.com](http://www.unioncountysheriffsoffice.com). Lake Park has 24/7 coverage between our two full time deputies, Indian Trail's contract deputies, and the Sheriff's Office patrol deputies. For Lake Park's size we have the appropriate number of full time contract deputies. To provide 27/4 coverage with our own deputies would require five full time deputies.



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Waste Collection

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## Fishing Permits

Lake Park is still open for fishing. Permits are required. If you need a permit send an email to Cheri with your name address and DOB. Payment can be made online. We want everyone to enjoy fishing. **Please remember that all ponds are catch and release.**

## Union County Opens New Waste and Recycling Center

The Goldmine Residential Waste and Recycling Center opened on April 16<sup>th</sup> to serve Union County residents. The new facility is located at 4600 Goldmine Road, Monroe, NC. Hours of operation are Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 7am-7pm. The Goldmine site serves as a replacement to the Sun Valley location which is now closed due to school construction. Items accepted at the Goldmine site include:

- Bagged household garbage
- Used motor oil
- Used oil filters

For a complete list of items accepted and prices, visit the Union County Solid Waste and Recycling website.

## Garden Club News

The Lake Park Garden Club is scheduled to meet on Monday, May 18 at 7 pm at the Community Center. The presenters are Garden Club members, Judy Taul and Tom Caig. Judy Taul will present a slideshow of the plants and flowers that are in Mack's Garden. She will also explain when plants need to be pruned, fertilized and any other upkeep. Tom Caig will tell us everything we need to know about gardenias and how to grow and maintain them.

The Garden Club will be putting some plant identifier stakes in the ground to help us become familiar with plants in Mack's Garden. Please come and visit Mack's Garden adjacent to the Community Center. We have a beautiful swing and a bench for you to sit and enjoy the garden.

## HOA News.

- Minutes from the last meeting, held virtually, will be posted next week.
- Next Board Meeting, conditions permitting, will be at the Community Center May 21st at 6:30pm (otherwise, via Google Meet).
- Agreed to cancel the Spring Yard Sale, Movie in the Park, and Music in the Park for this calendar year. Hoping to be able to go ahead with Fall Festival in October and have the Kite Festival in November, possibly a Fall Yard Sale, and of course the Christmas Party.
- Cusick will be sending out an E-Blast for homeowners who are elderly or disabled to contact Cusick, if they need help with their lawn maintenance. HOA will be asking for volunteers.
- Residents, please keep bushes that face the sidewalks clear, so that walkers can get by. Do your part for social distancing!

## This and That

- Walkers please pick up garbage and trash to help keep our Village beautiful.
- The crime rate is low in Union County and in Lake Park. Please keep your homes and vehicles locked.
- WastePro is still picking up bulk items and yard waste in the Village.